

## TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

## BUSINESS.

Yesterday's bank clearings were \$5,856,390, balances \$1,656,378. Local discount rates were between 5 and 6 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 20c premium bid, 30c premium asked; Chicago, 25c premium bid, 35c premium asked; Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, 25c discount bid, 35c asked. Wheat closed higher at 22½¢ bid July, 1.07 No. 2 red. Corn closed higher at 47½¢ July, 46¢ No. 2 mixed. Oats closed at 29½¢ asked May, 41½¢ No. 2 mixed. Spot cotton was ¼¢ higher in the local market.

## WASHINGTON.

President Roosevelt's extravagance in the conduct of the White House was criticized by the House Committee and the proposed appropriation cut from \$60,000 to \$55,000.

The House Committee on Merchant Marine reports favorably on the bill requiring that all United States troops and supplies must be shipped in vessels flying the American flag. A minority report was returned declaring that it was nothing more than a ship-subsidy measure and would add in the building of a trust.

## DAY IN CONGRESS.

SENATE.  
Senator Harbison asserted that a syndicate maintained a job at Washington to secure the repeal of the desert-land law, the timber and stone law and the commutation of the homestead act for the purpose of enhancing the value of its lands. After discussing the District of Columbia appropriations without action the Senate passed several pension bills and adjourned.

## HOUSE.

The House passed the Post Office appropriation bill, resending the paragraph striking out the day previous, providing for a general purchasing agent for the whole department and permitting rural carriers to deliver merchandise when required by patrons along their routes.

## LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Chief Gillaspie will suspend policemen indicted yesterday.

A permit was issued for Holland's national pavilion at the World's Fair.

Captain W. H. Johnson will command the Filipino scouts at the World's Fair and Captain Welsh will serve with the Jefferson Guards.

Doctor Gilwee left \$2,000 for the care of his horse, which he had used for twenty-three years.

National Educational Association outlines World's Fair programme.

Choir boys of St. George's Episcopal Church will sing at the funeral of their organist, Paul Mori, to-morrow afternoon.

Louisiana Purchase postage stamps will be ready for sale April 3.

Hearing of Horton will case in Judge Blinn's court progresses slowly.

Thirty marines from Italian navy are presented to President Francis.

The Tax Committee of the House of Delegates cited J. H. Conrad, Jr., to appear for alleged contempt in not showing his books.

Women were deceived by a man who appeared at dressmakers' convention as a model in a fashionable gown.

Kephart's illusions began while on hunting trip.

Reports from the storm district in East Side country show an increase in damage to property.

Senator J. R. Burton testified in his own defense, and denied that he used senatorial influence in the Post-Office Department. The case will be submitted to the jury to-day.

Eight carloads of Filipino tribes arrive at World's Fair grounds.

Niles H. Foster of St. Louis died at Valley Park, Ark.

The Spanish-American Club entertained Filipino guests.

Wyoming Commissioner begins installation of tons of precious ore.

River does Perce through Forest Park, but does no damage at Fair grounds.

Chief Deputy Jailer Buel dies of blood poisoning, brought on by cutting corn.

The City Hall will be illuminated with 5,000 lights.

Council votes down bill to establish bookbinding stands in Forest Park.

Romeo Reynolds, the "Kid Singer," is acquitted of murder by jury in Judge Taylor's court.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Congressman Bartholdt delivers an address upon the World's Fair before the National Geographic Society at Washington.

FOREIGN.

It is reported from Shanghai that the Dowager Empress has negotiated a proposal made by two Chinese Generals that China form an alliance with Japan to offset Russian aggression along the Liao River.

Marine Intelligence.

New York, March 25.—Arrived: California, from Genoa; Pennsylvania, from Hamburg.

Liverpool, March 25.—Arrived: Celtic, from New York.

Queenstown, March 25.—Arrived: Cymric from Boston, for Liverpool, and proceeded.

Genoa, March 25.—Arrived: Canopic, Boston, for Alaska.

Sydney, New South Wales, March 25.—Arrived before 5th: Sierra, San Francisco, via Honolulu and Auckland.

Southampton, March 25.—Sailed: Deutschland, New York, via Cherbourg.

Lizard, March 25.—Passed: Bremen, New York, for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Bremen.

Barbados, March 25.—Arrived: Steamer Princess Victoria Louise, New York, via Cuba and Porto Rico (on cruise).

WORLD'S FAIR STAMPS TO BE READY APRIL 30.

Postmaster Wyman Will Order 20,000,000 of Louisiana Purchase Series at Once.

Postmaster Wyman has been notified by the Post-Office Department at Washington that stamps commemorative of the Louisiana Purchase will be placed on sale April 30, and he has been instructed to make requisitions for the various denominations of the issue, which will be ones, twos, fours, fives, eights and tens.

The Postmaster has not received a description of the World's Fair stamps, but the official postal guide, which will be issued April 1, will, it is expected, describe them.

Postmaster Wyman said that his first requisition would likely be for 20,000,000 of the series.

It is said that St. Louis firms which are large consumers of stamps are holding back their regular monthly purchases until the commemorative series is placed on sale. One firm has notified the Postmaster that they will be in the market for 5,000,000 ones. The Exposition Company will doubtless file a large order.

Wabash Bridge Plans Approved.

Plans for the Wabash bridge over the underground driveway, in Forest Park, were submitted to the Board of Public Improvements by the city engineer yesterday.

The board approved of the plans. Work will begin on the bridge shortly, and it is expected that the city and Wabash officials to have the work completed by June 15.

## MICHIGAN FLOODS DO GREAT DAMAGE

Grand, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Flint, and Saginaw Rivers Raging.

## MANY FACTORIES ARE CLOSED.

Losses Will Reach Into the Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars, and Many Lives May Be Lost.

Detroit, Mich., March 25.—From all over lower Michigan to-day come reports of floods after last night's severe rainstorm that have caused losses that will reach into hundreds of thousands of dollars. Rivers everywhere are greatly swollen and the creeks are taking on the proportion of rivers.

Severe damage is reported from along the Grand River. The Kalamazoo and St. Joseph rivers are flooding the cities along their banks and a serious flood is threatened by the Kalamazoo River.

Dams and bridges have gone out along all of the streams. Great damage has been done at Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Lansing.

At Niles the residence section near Front and North Second streets is flooded. The railroads are badly interrupted by the floods and washouts.

GRAND RAPIDS FACTORIES COMPELLED TO SHUT DOWN: THOUSANDS OF MEN IDLE.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 25.—The flood situation is very serious here and owing to the rapid rise of Grand River, which is now three inches above the high-water mark of three years ago, at least forty of the largest factories in the city have been obliged to close, and thousands of men are out of work.

Basements of all the large buildings in the wholesale district are flooded and the damage is already very heavy. The entire southwest section of the residence district is under water and people are using rafts to go about.

Several lives have been saved at Wealthy avenue. A man who came floating down the river on a timber was hauled ashore and sent to the hospital with a broken leg.

Towns further up Grand River report unprecedented floods. At Lowell one-third of the town is under water. The Grand and Kalamazoo rivers, which join there, are so swollen that they meet in Main street, one mile from their regular confluence.

Portland reports the west side of the town is under water and many people have been rescued by boats.

At Niles the water is three feet deep in the village streets. Grand River has risen nearly a foot in four hours. There is evidence that the water is coming from reports from upstream indicate the breaking up of ice and increasing volumes of water. Nearly all the manufacturing industries of the city are situated along the banks of the river, and the continued rise of the water means certain, will mean almost entire suspension of manufacturing here.

BATTLE CREEK MERCHANTS REACH STORES IN BOATS: ALL BUSINESS SUSPENDED.

Battle Creek, Mich., March 25.—Flood conditions here as a result of the unprecedented rise of the Kalamazoo River and Grand River are the most serious in the history of the city.

All street cars are stopped by the high water, the burns being flooded. The three depots—the Grand Trunk, Michigan Central and Detroit & Toledo—Kalamazoo—are surrounded by several inches of water, and one of the three bridges connecting the city with the mainland is closed.

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## DEVELOPMENTS COLLINS AND RUDOLPH CASES

## DOCKERY REFUSES TO GRANT RESPITE.

Last Effort of Collins's Attorney to Stay Execution on Legal Point Fails.

## ATTEMPTS TO FILE MOTION.

Would Have Supreme Court in Banc Order Criminal Division to Resubmit Case—Proceeding Extraordinary.

## REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 25.—As a last resort of the attorneys in the case to prevent George Collins from being hanged Saturday for the murder of Charles J. Schumacher, Schumacher's lawyers reached Jefferson City to-day, to be filed with the Supreme Court in banc, asking that Division No. 2 of the court be ordered to transfer the case of Collins to court in banc.

The effort raised the question of keeping alive the appeal of Collins, in which case Governor Dockery would have to grant another respite to the doomed man. The papers which were intended to be filed as a motion with court in banc reached here Friday, but no such motion could be filed with court in banc, as that body had adjourned to court in course, and does not meet again until April 12.

Collins's attorney was notified of the receipt of the papers and informed that under the circumstances they could not be filed with the court until April 12, more than two weeks after Collins would be hanged.

The effort seems to be a desperate one to fight for a respite for Collins as court in banc, even if it were in session now, could not order Division No. 2 to transfer any case until the Judges of Division No. 2 should be of a mind to take such action. The State statutes give Division No. 2 jurisdiction over all criminal cases. Division No. 2 recently refused to transfer the case to banc on a motion, and banc has no power to order the case transferred.

Only once before has such a proceeding been applied for in this court. That was in the Deestrow case, and court in banc, which did not grant the motion, was overruled, and the case was transferred to the criminal division of the court.

Governor Dockery investigated the facts in the case to-day, and being thoroughly convinced that the papers were not regular, and that the criminal division could not be ordered to transfer the case, did not change his intention to let Collins hang.

## ILLINOIS RIVER FLOODS MENACING.

East Peoria Is Under Water and Persons Have Fled From the Town.

## REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Peoria, Ill., March 25.—At 8 o'clock to-night the Illinois River exceeded by 1 foot the highest previous mark, and was rising at the rate of one inch every three hours.

Already thousands of dollars' worth of damage has been done, and persons in the lowlands are fleeing for their lives.

Railroad service is badly crippled on nearly every line, and three roads were obliged to suspend their trains.

In East Peoria, across the river, the waters of Farm Creek, backed up and ran through the streets four feet deep. Houses were moved from their foundations, and scores of families were compelled to seek shelter on higher land.

Several narrow escapes were reported and many cattle drowned. The Mayor of the town called a mass meeting, and money was subscribed to help the sufferers.

Below Peoria a large dike, protecting several square miles of land, gave away, and it will be weeks before the ground can be used. The dike was washed out by a Peoria Terminal Railroad, and was cut for a distance of nearly a mile.

Over a hundred large forces of men filling in along their right of way with sand bags to protect their tracks.

The Peoria & Eastern Railroad Company has sent men to the river to fill in along their right of way with sand bags to protect their tracks.

## TWENTY HOURS' RAINFALL AT VANDALIA FLOODS STREAMS AND MAKES ROADS IMPASSABLE.

## REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Vandalia, Ill., March 25.—A storm of cyclonic proportions struck this city at 8:30 o'clock last night, unroofing houses, uprooting trees, tearing down fencing and blowing down chimneys. Many windows were blown in, and many houses were damaged. The business and residence sections of the city were flooded.

The public schools were dismissed to-day, and the children could not get home. A big flood is expected if the rain does not cease.

KALAMAZOO RESIDENCES ARE SUBMERGED TO SECOND STORIES; RIVER BOTTOMS ARE FLOODED.

Kalamazoo, Mich., March 25.—As a result of last night's rain, the Kalamazoo River ran three inches, and to-day an area half a mile square in the section known as the river bottoms, is flooded from one to six feet.

Several factories were compelled to close by the high water and about 300 men are out of employment. In the flooded district the residents are getting about in boats, many of the houses being submerged to their second stories.

LIGHTNING STRIKES FIVE CHILDREN AT PANAMA AND PARALYZES ALL OF THEM.

Panama, Ill., March 25.—During the storm last night, lightning struck the home of John Dugan of this city, and injured five children. The children were paralyzed, but will recover. The bolt threw the children across the room. The house was set on fire, but the flames were extinguished.

RESERVOIR DAM AT OLNEY GIVES WAY AND FLOOD DOES ABOUT \$30,000 DAMAGE.

Olney, Ill., March 25.—The heaviest rain for many years is falling here. All streams are out of their banks. The reservoir dam broke about noon, entailing a damage of \$30,000. Washouts are reported on all railroads, and traffic almost suspended. No such floods were ever known here.

COLDS LEAD TO PNEUMONIA. LAXATIVE BRONCHITIS REMOVES THE CAUSE. To get the genuine call for the full name and look for the signature of Dr. W. Grove, St. Louis.

## RUDOLPH ADMITS KILLING DETECTIVE.

Says on Witness Stand He Shot Schumacher to Protect His Own Life.

## GEORGE COLLINS TESTIFIES.

Chained to Deputies He Shows Amazing Coolness, and Many Girls Cry as He Is Led From Court.

## BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Union, Mo., March 25.—William Rudolph, the Union bank robber, who is on trial for the murder of Charles J. Schumacher, a Pinkerton detective, ruined what chances he had for a mitigation of his crime when he took the stand this afternoon and swore, for the first time, that he shot at Schumacher to protect his own life.

This leaves self-defense as the only ground upon which Rudolph can resist the charge of murder brought against him. Immediately after the adjournment of the court Judge Davidson revised his instructions to the jury. These call for a verdict of either murder in the first degree or acquittal.

Judge Jesse Shaper, Rudolph's counsel, will ask that a paragraph allowing a verdict of murder in the second degree be inserted in the instructions, but Judge Davidson to-night practically stated that his original instructions will not be altered.

Another strong point against Rudolph is in the fact that the jury is allowed to weigh the evidence relating to his flight after the killing as a part of the ground advanced by the State in the charge that Schumacher's killing was murder and that the prisoners, Collins and Rudolph, believed in their own guilt. When asked to-day why he left home immediately after the killing of Schumacher, Rudolph replied: "Because I had killed a man."

## COLLINS'S GAMENESS.

Any doubt as to the thorough gameness of George Collins was removed when, twenty-four hours before his execution, he took the stand and did his best to render evidence which might save his partner from the gallows. Collins knew in his heart that his own fate was sealed, but he had promised Rudolph the night before that he would go on the stand for him, and he kept that promise.

As Collins entered the courtroom shackled to a Deputy Sheriff, he made an appeal to a Deputy Sheriff, who made an appeal to the jury. He was dressed, was smooth shaven, and had attended to every minor detail of his dress. His teeth glistened like pearls, his nails were manicured, and there was a soft expression in his brown eyes which made one believe that he could not be guilty of a crime, much less murder.

He took the witness stand, still shackled to the Deputy Sheriff